

An Account of a Book.

VII. *Flora Noribergenſis, &c. being a Catalogue of ſuch Plants as not only grow Spontaneouſly about Nuremberg, but alſo of ſuch Exoticks as the Phyſick Garden of that City hath lately raiſed, with the Figures and Deſcriptions of many of the moſt rare, Opera Johannis Georgii Volckameri, M. D. Noriberg. 1700. 4to. p. 408.*

THe *Author* dedicates this Book to Dr *Peter Hotton* and Dr *Casper Commelin*, two eminent *Physicians*, and very expert *Herbariſts*, the firſt, *Botanick Profeſſor* of the *Leyden Phyſick Garden*, the other of *Amſterdam*, having received ſeveral favours from them the laſt year, when he was to viſit the curious Gardens in *Holland*.

In his *Preface* to the *Reader* he ſays we muſt not wholly lay the *Characteriſtical* diſtinction of *Plants*, in the *Seeds* or *Flowers* alone, but oftentimes on the whole Plant, and to prove it he gives you ſome inſtances of 3 or 4 Plants whoſe *Flower* or *Seed* do not wholly answer the general Rule. He alſo adviſes the Lovers of *Botany* to be very wary in the diſtinction of the *Planta Gymnoſpermæ* from the *Angioſpermæ*, eſpecially ſuch whoſe *Flower* produces but one Seed. The laſt generally are incloſed with a treble covering, whoſe outer Coat may be taken away without detriment to the Seed, which you cannot without prejudice do to the firſt or *Gymnoſpermæ*, which have only two Skins: This he promiſes to demonſtrate very clearly in ſome Tables he will ſuddenly publiſh in relation to the affinity of Plants, which he will bring into ſuch a method, that many unknown Families, as well as ſingle Plants, ſhall be hereby reduc'd into ſuch a method, as will not eaſily

admit of any *Anomalous* or *Heteroclite* Tribes. He concludes with a grateful acknowledgment of such *Persons* who have communicated either Plants or Seeds to him; amongst these, (besides the two before-mention'd) are

Dr *John Bohm*, a Physician at *Venice*, and a Skilful Botanist.

Dr *Daniel Beckerus*, very knowing in Anatomy and Botany, particularly in reducing Plants to their proper Classes.

Dr *John Mauritius Hoffman*, Publick Professor of Anatomy, Chymistry and Botany in *Altorf*, a worthy Successor to his celebrated Father.

Dr *William Sherard*, Fellow of *St Johns* in *Oxford*, who by his Travels abroad, has made vast acquisitions in Natural History, and particularly in Botany.

Dr *Christ. Theoph. Scheurl*, chief Physician of *Nuremberg*, a person very expert in the knowledge of wild Plants about that City.

Dr *J. Baptista Triumphetti*, Botanick Professor at *Rome*.

D. *Felix Abbas Vialis*, Professor of the ancient Physick Garden at *Padua*.

Amongst the *Botanick Books*, the *Author* mentions a *Manuscript Herbal* which he has, of that laborious Naturalist, *Conradus Gesner* in 3 vol. containing the lively Paintings of *Exotick* as well as *Alpine Plants*, with short descriptions to them; the same Book I find lately taken notice of in Dr *Tournefort's* *Institutiones Rei herbariæ*, p. 664. communicated to him by the afore-mentioned curious Botanist *Dr Sherard*, who saw it at *Nuremberg* in the *Author's* hands.

Let us now bring you into the Garden, where at the same view you are entertained with variety of *Plants* both *Foreign* and *Domestick*, amongst them several very rare. These he ranges in an *Alphabetical* order, giving you several synonyms to each, particularly those of the two great Botanick Brothers, *John* and *Caspar Bauhines*,
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Matthiolum, Columna, Clusius, with several other Foreigners, and in many places our also celebrated Countrymen, as *Gerrard Parkinson, Johnson*, with the worthy *Mr Ray, Morifson, Plukenet, Sloan, &c.* He generally adds to each Plant its *season of Flowring*, and *place* where it naturally grows, and if a *Native*, where, and its *German* name, and whether *Annual* or *Perennial*, and sometimes a comparative distinction, and often whether *ever green*, or loses its Leaves. To each *Genus* he gives you the several characteristicks of *Mr Ray, Dr Morifon, Herman, Amman* and *Rivinus*, to which he adds a general description of each Species, with the *Culture* and best way of propagating, encreasing and preserving each Foreign Plant; to many of the last he has given entire *Descriptions*, and also very good *Figures*, most of them being rare, it may not be amiss to give a Catalogue of them in the same Alphabetical order we find them.

Althea African. frutescens fl. aureis cochleatis pendulis minoribus Fl. Norib. 24. fig.

Apocynum humile aizoides Monstrosum Africanum, Fl. Nor. 39 fig.

After *Novæ Angliæ altissimus hirsutus floribus omnium maximis Fl. Nor. 50. fig. & P. B. Pr.*

After *African. cæruleus fruticans foliis angustioribus rigidis Fl. Nor. 50. fig.*

Chrysanthemum Africanum frutescens spinosum Fl. Nor. 105. fig.

Chrysanthemum Conyzoides Curassav. Abrotani fæm. flore aurantio F. Nor. 106. & P.B. pr app.

Colutea Africana vesicaria vesiculis compressis flosculis atrorubentibus Fl. Nor. 118. fig.

Dracocephalo affinis Americana trifoliata Terebinthinæ odore Fl. Nor. 145 fig.

Elichrysium Afric. multiflorum tenuifolium frutescens Fl. Nor. 148.

Ficoides seu Ficus humilis fol. triangulari lucido robusto flore aureo Fl. Nor. 165. fig.

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Ficoides Africana procumbens latifolia annua floribus argenteis minoribus *Fl. Nor.* 166. fig.

Gnaphalium Africanum fætidum latifolium maximum flore argenteo *Fl. Nor.* 194. fig.

Gnaphalium Afric. floribus minimis albicantibus inodorum *Fl. Nor.* 194. fig.

Jacoea Afric. fruticans oblongis foliis angustis integris incanis *Fl. Nor.* 224. fig.

Jacoea Afric. Stæbes facie, flore ampliore, petalis radialibus trifidis *Fl. Nor.* 224. fig.

Jacoea Afric. fruticescens fl. amplo purpureo elegantissimo, Senecionis folio *Fl. Nor.* 225. fig.

Jacoea Afric. annua minor, Senecionis fol. florib. suave rubentibus *Fl. Nor.* 225 fig.

Jacoea Afric. perennis, integro oblongo folio glauco *Fl. Nor.* 226. fig.

Jacoea Afric. fruticans fol. Abrotani seu Crithmi, major *Fl. Nor.* 225. fig.

Jacoea Afric. fruticans fol. Abrotani seu Crithmi minor *Fl. Nor.* 225.

Kali Aizoides Canariense procumbens, *Portulacæ* pallescentibus succulentis foliis aspergine rorida perpetuo madidis *Fl. Nor.* 236. fig. *Pluck. Tab.* 303. fig. 4.

Portulaca lanuginosa procumbens, vermiculatæ foliis *Americana.* *Fl. Nor.* 341. fig.

Sideritis incano oleæ folio, flosculis ex incarnato candescentibus *montis Libani* *Fl. Nor.* 353. fig.

Sinapi luteum Chelidonii Querno folio siliqua hirsuta *Fl. Nor.* 355. fig.

Sinapi Syracum siliqua nodosa glabra, semine ruffo *Fl. Nor.* 635. fig.